## Demandsfor Supplementary Grants (*Contd.*)
## 6.Vaccination—Rs. 2,000 (*Contd.*)

### Motion. No. 3.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Sir, I move that the demand for allotment under Vaccination be reduced by Re. 1.

My object in tabling this motion is to bring to the notice of the Government the desirablity of providing contagious sheds for small-pox in places where there are none and where there are small-pox cases. It is said in this House that small-pox is prevalent in an epidemic form in three of the Taluks of the State. In rural areas the Government has not done anything to provide contagious sheds so much so the poor people are put to very great difficulties. The Government at present are trying to introduce vaccination in these areas. They are not devoting their attention to the nursing of patients. In fact the isolation of these patients will act as another preventive. I know of many poor Pulayas who are huddled together in their own huts for want of a better place and spread contagion to other people. I do not want the Government to put up permanent buildings in places where there are none. When they come to know that there are many cases in a particular locality, they can either rent a house or put up some temporary sheds there. After all it is intended to afford some protection to poor people who cannot afford to have nurses. May I hope that the Government will do something to alleviate the sufferings of these poor people?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—It has been customary in this Department to put up contagious sheds whenever and wherever a necessity for them arises. In the rural areas at Vadakkacheri, Irinjalakkuda, Kunnamkulam, Chalakkudi and Cranganur we have got such sheds where we have been taking patients who are lying in helpless conditions and in fact we employ a special staff of two attendants for one shed as a temporary measure. Whenever patients are admitted in these places, the Medical Ofifcers in charge of the various hospitals have been specially instructed to look after such cases and the system of looking after these patients has been in vogue and is still carried on by the department.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Are there not contagious sheds connected near the hospitals? Are there contagious sheds in all the villages?

**Dr. D. Rgahavendra Rao—.**Not in all the villages. There were some sheds which were located close to the hospitals in Vadakkancheri and Irinjalakkuda, but due to the objections from people round about, and also due to a fall in the number of

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patients attending these hospitals due to the admission of these small-pox patients, we have shifted the special small-pox sheds away from the hospitals.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—The object of my motion is to ask the Government to provide contagious sheds in villages. I shall take an example. There are many cases of small-pox in Trikkur. In that taluk the nearest contagious shed according to the Hon'ble Member is Irinjalakkuda or Chalakkudi. It is too much to expect that people from Trikkur would go 15 or 20 miles to a contagious shed. Moreover they do not know whether they will get admission there. Therefore in all likelihood they will not go. It is in such cases that I request the Government to put up at least temporary sheds in a central place easily accessible to a large number of patients. I want to know whether the Government is prepared to do that.

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—The suggestion put forwad is rather an inpracticable one in the sense that in every village we may have to put up sheds and appoint a temporary staff to look after the patients. It is a question of looking after the patients. Inferior types of servants who are appointed to look after the patients invariably have very little of humanity in them that they leave the persons themselves and go away. There is no use of building houses or renting houses and employing servants. There must be proper supervision and it is not possible to have proper supervision in such contagious sheds in distant villages. Unless some sort of centralised agency exists I no not think the idea of starting those sheds in every village will be a possible one.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—I never said that it should be started in every village. It should be far away from the towns.

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—The present sheds are far away from the towns.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—In places where there are a large number of patients why can't you provide temporary sheds—at least one for three or four villages?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—If specific instances are brought to notice, Government will provide sheds.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—In the light of that assurance I withdraw.

*Motion withdrawn with leave of the House.*

*Demand put and carried.*

## 7. Land Revenue—Cranganur—Rs. 1,760.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—Sir, I rise to move that this House will be pleased to vote an addition.

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